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BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT

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BARRAGA NAMES SIMONNE HARKAVY “2017 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR” FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11



Shown above L-R; Mary Alice Markam, West Islip; Simonne Harkavy, West Islip and Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip).

In observance of “Older Americans Month”, Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) selected Simonne Harkavy of West Islip to receive the “2017 Senior Citizen Award” for the 11th Legislative District of Suffolk County.

Annually, each of the 18 Suffolk County Legislators nominate one of their senior constituents that best exemplifies an outstanding, dedicated individual, who through their selfless deeds and actions help enrich the lives of the senior population in his/her district.

Mary Alice Markam, of West Islip, submitted Simonne’s name to Legislator Barraga’s office for consideration.

Simonne was born and raised in New York City. She married her husband Jack and moved to West Islip in 1955. She and her husband raised three children and are the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

While raising her family, Simonne taught elementary school in the West Islip Public School District and became one of the original “Friends of the Libray”. Her efforts helped establish the Hawley Avenue Library. She later played a vital role in the advocacy, planning and oversite of the West Islip Library, where she has served as President, Vice President and Library Trustee since 1984.

Simonne is a role model of volunteerism. She advocates for quality care and residents rights at the Atria in Bay Shore, and serves as an Ombudsman through Social Services.